## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA

Plaintiff #1 Kayla Burk,

Plaintiff,

Civil Action No.: CIV-19-337-R

v.

Defendant #1 IQ Data International, Inc./ Rent Collect Global; and Defendant # 2 DOES 1-10, inclusive,

COMPLAINT AND DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Defendants.

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For this Complaint, the Plaintiff, Kayla Burk, by undersigned counsel, states as follows:

## **JURISDICTION**

- 1. This action arises out of Defendants' repeated violations of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1692, et seq. ("FDCPA"), and the invasions of Plaintiff's personal privacy by the Defendant and its agents in their illegal efforts to collect a consumer debt.
  - 2. Supplemental jurisdiction exists pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1367.
- 3. Venue is proper in this District pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b), in that the Defendants transact business in this District and a substantial portion of the acts giving rise to this action occurred in this District.

#### **PARTIES**

- 4. The Plaintiff, Kayla Burk ("Plaintiff"), is an adult individual residing in Stillwater, Oklahoma, and is a "consumer" as the term is defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(3).
- 5. Defendant IQ Data International, Inc./ Rent Collect Global ("IQ Data"), is a Washington business entity with an address of 21222 30th Drive, Suite 120, Bothell, Washington 98208, operating as a collection agency, and is a "debt collector" as the term is defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(6).
- 6. Does 1-10 (the "Collectors") are individual collectors employed by IQ Data and whose identities are currently unknown to the Plaintiff. One or more of the Collectors may be joined as parties once their identities are disclosed through discovery.
  - 7. IQ Data at all times acted by and through one or more of the Collectors.

### **ALLEGATIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL COUNTS**

#### A. The Debt

- 8. The Plaintiff allegedly incurred a financial obligation (the "Debt") to an original creditor (the "Creditor").
- 9. The Debt arose from services provided by the Creditor which were primarily for family, personal or household purposes and which meets the definition of a "debt" under 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(5).
- 10. The Debt was purchased, assigned or transferred to IQ Data for collection, or IQ Data was employed by the Creditor to collect the Debt.

11. The Defendants attempted to collect the Debt and, as such, engaged in "communications" as defined in 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(2).

#### B. IQ Data Engages in Harassment and Abusive Tactics

- 12. In March 2018, Plaintiff received letter from IQ Data stating the Debt had been fully satisfied.
- 13. Despite having knowledge that Plaintiff no longer owes the Debt and providing Plaintiff with documentation showing the Debt had been paid in full, IQ Data continued to call Plaintiff attempting to collect the Debt.
- 14. Such actions caused Plaintiff a great of frustration, confusion, and annoyance.
  - 15. Moreover, IQ Data continues to falsely report the Debt to the credit bureau.

#### C. Plaintiff Suffered Actual Damages

- 16. The Plaintiff has suffered and continues to suffer actual damages as a result of the Defendants' unlawful conduct.
- 17. As a direct consequence of the Defendants' acts, practices and conduct, the Plaintiff suffered and continues to suffer from humiliation, anger, anxiety, emotional distress, fear, frustration and embarrassment.

#### **COUNT I**

# VIOLATIONS OF THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT 15 U.S.C. § 1692, et seq.

- 18. The Plaintiff incorporates by reference all of the above paragraphs of this Complaint as though fully stated herein.
- 19. The Defendants' conduct violated 15 U.S.C. § 1692d in that Defendants engaged in behavior the natural consequence of which was to harass, oppress, or abuse the Plaintiff in connection with the collection of a debt.
- 20. The Defendants' conduct violated 15 U.S.C. § 1692d(5) in that Defendants caused a phone to ring repeatedly and engaged the Plaintiff in telephone conversations, with the intent to annoy and harass.
- 21. The Defendants' conduct violated 15 U.S.C. § 1692e in that Defendants used false, deceptive, or misleading representation or means in connection with the collection of a debt.
- 22. The Defendants' conduct violated 15 U.S.C. § 1692e(2) in that Defendants misrepresented the character, amount and legal status of the debt.
- 23. The Defendants' conduct violated 15 U.S.C. § 1692e(8) in that Defendants threatened to communicate false credit information.
- 24. The Defendants' conduct violated 15 U.S.C. § 1692e(10) in that Defendants employed false and deceptive means to collect a debt.
- 25. The Defendants' conduct violated 15 U.S.C. § 1692f in that Defendants used unfair and unconscionable means to collect a debt.

- 26. The Defendants' conduct violated 15 U.S.C. § 1692f(1) in that Defendants attempted to collect an amount not authorized by the agreement creating the debt.
- 27. The foregoing acts and omissions of the Defendants constitute numerous and multiple violations of the FDCPA, including every one of the above-cited provisions.
  - 28. The Plaintiff is entitled to damages as a result of Defendants' violations.

#### **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

**WHEREFORE**, the Plaintiff prays that judgment be entered against the Defendants:

- Actual damages pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(a)(1) against the Defendants;
- Statutory damages of \$1,000.00 pursuant to 15 U.S.C.§1692k(a)(2)(A) against the Defendants;
- 3. Costs of litigation and reasonable attorney's fees pursuant to 15 U.S.C.§ 1692k(a)(3) against the Defendants;
- 4. Actual damages from the Defendants for all damages including emotional distress suffered as a result of the intentional, reckless, and/or negligent FDCPA violations in an amount to be determined at trial for the Plaintiff;
- 5. Punitive damages; and
- 6. Such other and further relief as may be just and proper.

Dated: April 15, 2019

## Respectfully submitted,

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